ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY

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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

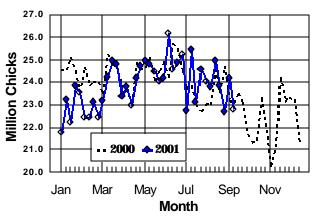
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 22.8 million during the week ending September 22, 2001, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2000, and 6 percent below the previous week, and included 1.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through September 22, 2001 were 907.8 million, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.7 million, up slightly the corresponding week a year earlier, but 2 percent below the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.8 percent.

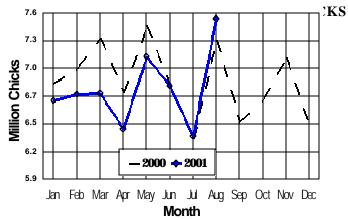
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 29.7 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending September 22, 2001, up 9 percent from the same period last year and slightly above the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 7.5 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during August 2001, up 3 percent from August 2000.

ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS



U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week	Ye	%		
Ending	2000	2001	Change	
	1,0			
Aug. 18	23,036	23,811	103	
Aug. 25	24,605	24,977	102	
Sept. 1	23,583	23,892	101	
Sept. 8	24,751	22,693	92	
Sept. 15	23,246	24,198	104	
Sept. 22	23,080	22,834	99	

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Mont	Yea	%							
h	2000	2001	Change						
	1,000								
Mar.	7,310	6,752	92						
Apr.	6,764	6,398	95						
May	7,435	7,117	96						
Jun.	6,829	6,822	100						
Ju1.	6,310	6,326	100						
Aug.	7,288	7,494	103						

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2001

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending 1/					Week Ending						1/
STATE	01 - Sep	08 - Sep	15 - Sep	22 - Sep	%	18 - Aug	25 - Aug	01 - Sep	08-Sep	15 - Sep	22 - Sep	%
Alabama	29,252 *	28,177	28,872 *	27,693	104	21,817	22,622	22,715	23,089	22,553 *	21,865	101
ARKANSAS	29,887 *	29,469	29,579	29,665	109	23,811	24,977	23,892	22,693	24,198	22,834	99
Delaware	3,551	3,545 *	3,085	3,482	90	5,452	5,116	4,585	4,808 *	5,150 *	4,778	98
Florida	2,232 *	2,262	2,235	2,327	86	2,518	2,377	2,446	2,299	2,113 *	2,440	118
Georgia	31,971 *	31,252	31,364 *	30,388	108	24,642	25,290	25,244	25,324	25,349 *	25,547	105
Maryland	8,795	8,630	7,734 *	8,833	111	4,861	5,168 *	5,387	5,276 *	4,905 *	5,751	125
Mississippi	18,604 *	18,154	17,476	18,404	106	15,005	15,835	15,308	15,716	15,628 *	15,382	102
N. Carolina	16,565 *	16,057	15,990	17,737	105	13,925	14,629	13,768	13,984	14,139	13,364	100
Pennsylvania	3,754	3,470 *	3,947 *	3,710	112	2,757	2,742	2,661	2,741 *	2,810 *	2,760	105
S. Carolina	4,949	4,983	4,807	4,719	101	3,998	3,855	4,019	4,003 *	3,854	4,155	104
Texas	14,769	14,208	13,208	13,629	103	10,901	11,042	10,684	11,259	11,596	12,521	111
Virginia	6,387	6,447	5,867	6,421	108	5,074	5,349	5,442	5,699	5,996 *	5,235	100
CATN & WVA	10,988	10,293	9,645	10,536	106	10,766	9,367	9,196	9,382	10,053 *	9,547	108
Total 2001	181,704 *	176,947 *	173,809 *	177,544		145,527	148,369 *	145,347	146,273 *	148,344 *	146,179	
Total 2000	176,154	169,551	168,927	167,926		142,154	144,596	141,877	144,511	142,827	140,916	
% PREV. YEAR	103	104	103	106		102	103	102	101	104	104	
APPROXIMATE M	ARKETING D	ATE 2001				06-Oct	13-Oct	20 - Oct	27 - Oct	0 3 - N o v	10 - Nov	
* Revised.	1/ Curren	t week as per	cent of the	same weel	clast y	ear.						
* K e n t u c k y	5,413	5,494 *	5,029 *	4,629	****	4,527	4,552	4,540	4,509 *	4,495 *	4,337	***

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*Oklahoma	5,994	6,317	6,006 *	6,384	****	4,891	4,310	4,975	4,940	4,517 *	5,840 *	
* L A & M O	8,907	8,411	9,229 *	8,393	****	8,132	8,572	8,326	9,536 *	8,580 *	8,419 *	****
19 StateTotal	202,018 *	197,169 *	194,073 *	196,950		163,077	165,803 *	163,188	165,258 *	165,936 *	164,775	

^{*} Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 6 PRECENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 178 million eggs during the week ending September 22, 2001. This was up 6 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 4 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 146 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 22, 2001. Placements were up 4 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through September 22, 2001 were 5.60 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.